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UPDATE ON WYCKOFF/EAGLE HARBOR SUPERFUND CLEANUP

If you have visited the newly acquired Pritchard Park beach lately, you may have noticed some roped-off areas near the shoreline. This fact sheet provides an update of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) activities in these areas.

West Beach (Pritchard Park side)

Recently, EPA received reports from Bainbridge Islanders about odors on the west beach. Upon inspection, EPA found evidence of residual oily contamination and sheen on the beach in the area where the Wyckoff Company had built a series of bulkheads at the shoreline (see below). In 2000, EPA removed the bulkheads, as well as contaminated soils and sediments behind the bulkheads, to



Potentially contaminated beach areas and rope barriers.

create the current beach. It now appears that some of the contaminated sediments were not completely removed. EPA has conducted preliminary sediment sampling in this area and is awaiting the results. In early spring when lower tides allow more complete access to areas of the beach, EPA will conduct more extensive sediment sampling to determine the

extent of this contamination and to evaluate options to address the residual oily contamination in the beach sediments. Further actions may include removal of contaminated sediments and/or placement of additional capping materials.

North Shoal and East Beach

Now that public use of the beach is increasing, EPA has placed signs and boundary barriers at the west end of the north shoal and the south end of the east beach (see below). Barriers alert the public to residual contamination on the beaches. The remaining contamination is relatively low level. It migrated onto beaches in the past when the Wyckoff Company operated wood-treating facilities in the former process area ("the Point"). In the Record of Decision for Eagle Harbor, the selected remedy for this area of low-level contamination was natural attenuation (allowing the contaminants to degrade naturally).

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A beach rope barrier.



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The current sheet-pile wall was installed to prevent movement of the oily wastes. The wall has effectively prevented additional former-process-area contamination from reaching the beaches. EPA is continuing to monitor sediments along the north shoal and east beach to track any changes in the contaminant levels over time. EPA will use this information to determine what, if any, additional action is warranted on these beaches.

EPA is advising members of the public to avoid these areas of the beach when visiting Pritchard Park.

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